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: ATM-BASED DISTRIBUTED VIRTUAL TANDEM SWITCHING SYSTEM

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT



Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on April 3, 2002, applicants call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Initially, applicants note that the instant application is a continuation of application no. 09/666,839, now U.S. Patent No. 6,345,048, which is one of four applications (together with application nos. 09/534,308; 09/576,036; and 09/562,725, now U.S. Patent No. 6,219,348) which are either a continuation-in-part or a continuation of application no. 09/287,092, now U.S. Patent No. 6,169,735, which is based on Provisional Application No. 60/083,640. Further, above-mentioned application no. 09/562,725 (U.S. Patent No. 6,219,348) has, based thereon, continuation application no. 09/794,914.

Still further, applicants note application no. 09/487,869 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,343,065) which has, based thereon, continuation application no. 10/015,809. Applicants also note application no. 09/705,793. While these applications are not members of the same patent family

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as the instant application, they are commonly assigned applications directed to similar subject matter.

Therefore, the purpose of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is to call to the Examiner's attention any and all references that have been cited during the prosecution of the above-mentioned applications. It is also respectfully suggested that the Examiner review these applications, and the references of record cited after the filing of this statement, when considering the instant application.

The references which have not been cited in the instant application include:

U.S. Patent No. 5,539,884 to ROBROCK, II, issued on July 23, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,781,320 to BYERS, issued on July 14, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,796,836 to MARKHAM, issued on August 18, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,825,750 to THOMPSON, issued on October 20, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,889,773 to STEVENSON, III, issued on March 30, 1999

U.S. Patent No. 5,898,673 to RIGGAN et al., issued on April 27, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,930,238 to NGUYEN, issued on July 27, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,991,746 to WANG, issued on November 23, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,028,933 to HEER et al., issued on February 22, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,031,840 to CHRISTIE et al., issued on February 29, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,035,405 to GAGE et al., issued on March 7, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,134,235 to GOLDMAN et al., issued on October 17, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,151,315 to ASH et al., issued on November 21, 2000;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,195,333 to WISE, issued on February 27, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,195,714 to LI et al., issued on February 27, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,252,952 to KUNG et al., issued on June 26, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,275,493 to MORRIS et al., issued on August 14, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,282,194 to CHEESMAN et al., issued on August 28, 2001;

U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0009086 to GALLANT et al., published on January 24, 2002;

ITU-T Recommendation Q.2955.1, "Stage 3 Description for Community of Interest Supplementary Services Using B-ISDN DSS 2: Closed User Group (CUG)", June 1997;

Lucent Technologies, "NavisCore ATM Configuration Guide", Chapter 15;

ATM Forum Technical Committee "Traffic Management Specification", Version 4.0, Document af-tm-0056-000, April 1996; and

ATM Forum Technical Committee "ATM Security Specification," Version 1.0, Document af-sec-0100-001, February 1999.

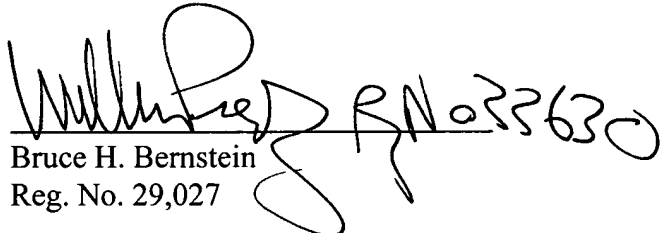
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as copies of the above-mentioned copending patents and patent applications, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Further, applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is required to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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